THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The status of the hydro-electric schemes of Kerala received in Central Electricity Authority for techno-economic clearance is as follows:—

	Name of Scheme	Date of CEA clearance	Present Status
1.	Adirapally (2×80 MW)	20-6-1989	Scheme has been rejected from environment & Forest angle.
2.	Annakayam (2×4 MW)	..	Do.
3.	Maniyar (10 MW)	..	Under Examination in CEA.
4.	Kuttiyadi (1×50 MW)	..	Do.
5.	Pambar (2×15 MW)	..	Do.

Puyankutty HEP (2X120 MW) was sanctioned by Planning Commission in August, 1986 subject to forest clearance. Forest clearance is yet to be obtained by the State Government of Kerala.

Utilisation of Reserves of Oil and Gas in the Arabian Sea near Cochin

1468. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reserves of oil and gas have been found in the Arabian Sea near Cochin; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken for exploiting these reserves?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) On the basis of wells drilled so far in the offshore part of Kerala-Konkan basin, no hydrocarbon reserves have been established as yet and as such the question of their exploitation does not arise.

Adherence to the tests by the Blood Banks

1469. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blood banks State-wise operating in the country as on February 28, 1990;

(b) in how many of these banks mandatory tests prescribed under the Drugs Act have been undertaken; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure strict adherence to the prescribed tests and the norms as laid down in the Drugs Act?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) A statement showing number of blood-banks, State-wise, in the country, based on the latest information available in the Ministry, is annexed. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, and rules framed thereunder, all blood-banks are required to obtain licence and carry out the prescribed tests. The enforcement of these provisions is the responsibility of State Governments through their Drugs Controllers. The State Drugs Control authorities have, however, been directed by the Drugs Controller (India) to carry out inspections of blood banks in their respective States on priority basis and ensure that they conform to the minimum requirements laid down under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act/rules